

Newsletter



Amberley Primary School Summer 2 2026 Issue #04

This half-term at Amberley!

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, it is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed! It has been a wonderful year full of learning, laughter and achievement. Your children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness and they should all be extremely proud of what they have accomplished. Thank you to our staff, families and governors for your continued support throughout the year. It is through our strong partnership that Amberley continues to be such a special place to learn and grow. Here's a quick look back at some of the highlights from our final summer term.

Summer Fair Fun! £1789 raised!



PTFA Announcements



We hope the children enjoyed the Summer Fair last week - thanks for your support!



Keep your eyes peeled for our Halloween discos date!

Did you know that our discos, fairs, and Easter Bingo are all organised by a small group of volunteers? Could you spare a couple of evenings a year to help plan events, or just to help out at the events themselves? If so, your PTFA need you!

Last year we raised £6,850 and used that money to pay for Author visits for the children, equipment for the sensory room, presents and hats at Christmas and SATs treats for Year 6. Our latest event - our Summer Fair event - raised £1789!

If you are interested in joining us or just coming along to listen at our next meeting, please email our lovely team of parents at amberleydragons@outlook.com. Thank you!



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Y6 Treat day and Assembly

There wasn't a dry eye in the house this morning as we welcomed our Y6 parents into school to watch the Y6 Leavers' Assembly. They did an absolutely fabulous job and we wish them the best of luck in their secondary school journey. We will miss you!

They also celebrated a well-deserved 'treat day' on Wednesday - heading to the cinema and then the Glass House for lunch. They funded their treat from the earnings from their, 'Make £5 Grow' enterprise project where they raised over £800 selling their goodies at the Summer fair. Well done, Year 6!



Summer book-nic!



Office news

Arbor App

To get in-app messages, please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app to your phone. Download the app from the Android Play Store or Apple App Store.

Please remember to order your children's school lunch via the Arbor app. Pre-ordering ensures your child will get their preferred meal each day!

From September, Amberley breakfast club (which runs daily) will have one opening time only of 7.30am. The cost for breakfast club will be £4. Parents are free to drop their child off anytime from 7.30am. Breakfast club closes at 8.30am. If you wish for your child to attend, please use the booking in system on your Arbor App. Parents can use their Tax-Free Childcare account to pay for breakfast club.



Our whole school attendance to date this year is 95.2%, just shy of our target of 96%. Well done everyone!

Attendance Race Winners

Well done to Y2CS, our summer term winners who have been rewarded with an extra playtime this week

Car Parking

Please only use the car park if you are a blue badge holder and have paid a deposit for a barrier fob. The car park is not to be used to collect from after-school clubs. Parking is available at Morrisons.

Medication

As we reach the end of term, please remember that all medication, including inhalers and epi-pens must be collected. If your child will require medication in school from September, please ensure that it is returned on the first day of the Autumn Term. All medication must be handed in at the school office by an adult, together with a completed medication consent form, before it can be administered in school. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe and ensure our medication procedures are followed correctly.



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Extra-curricular clubs next half-term

The following clubs are running after school next half term and sign-up will be available from September. When you have signed your child up to a club, please remember to check the sessions dates and times on your Arbor app and please ensure children have any kit they might need for the session. We cannot always call home for forgotten items. Please note that clubs run by external providers will not be on Arbor so check the letter carefully for all details.

Please keep your eyes peeled in September for details of our sports clubs which will be running from the second week back in September.

Monday

Cycling Club 15:15 to 16:30 - (Y5 only) in preparation for the summer cycle residential

Friday

Zumba 15:15 to 16:00



New to Reception Parent and child lunches 2026

We had a lovely time in school welcoming our new to Reception parents this half-term who joined us with their children for lunch. Thank you for coming!

YARD REMINDERS

Please ensure that children are supervised on the yards at all times before and after school, especially if they are using the school fixed equipment. If your child makes their own way to school, please remind them that they should not be playing football on the yard before school.

If you aren't yet following our page on Instagram, please do so to keep up to date with what is going on @amberley_primary



TTRS and Numbots reminder!

Just 10 minutes practice per day can help improve instant recall hugely so if you have some spare time over the holidays, join in the fun!

On TTRS, our top coin earners are Jenson Darnell, Theo Cartledge and Megan Elliott. We now have 23 pupils in school who have 'rock hero' status which means they can answer questions with an average speed of 1 second or less!

On Numbots our top coin earners are Y4ML.



All at Amberley, staff past and present, were devastated to hear about the tragic news of the passing of ex-pupil Jess Turnbull. We were honoured to attend her funeral to pay tribute to such an inspirational young lady. We continue to send all of our love to her incredible family at this devastating time.



PC Jess Turnbull

Safeguarding at Amberley

At Amberley, safeguarding is our highest priority and it is everyone's responsibility. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, valued and supported. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team (poster below).

Online Safety

Online safety plays a big part in our curriculum. Children are increasingly accessing games, websites and apps independently, so regular conversations at home too about online behaviour and safety remain essential. Taking an active interest in what your child is doing online and ensuring parental controls are in place can significantly reduce risks. Please see the poster opposite for Clennell's top 5 tips to keep children safe online.

If your child ever feels worried, upset or unsafe—whether in school, at home or online—we encourage them to speak to a trusted adult at home or at school.

WAYS TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

5 TOP TIPS

ENABLE STRONG PRIVACY AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

Check the age ratings and default settings for every app your child downloads. Set all profiles to "Private" so only approved friends can view their posts, stories, or send them messages. Take advantage of built-in digital wellbeing tools to manage screen time.

DISCUSS SAFE SHARING HABITS

Remind your child that once a photo, comment, or video is posted online, it can be permanent and easily screenshared. Teach them to ask, "Would I send this to my family?" before sharing anything, and strictly forbid sharing personal details like home addresses, school names, or passwords.

DISABLE GEO-LOCATION SERVICES

Many apps (like Snapchat, Instagram, or BeReal) have built-in location-sharing features that can expose your child's real-time whereabouts. Turn off location services in the settings of your child's phone and ensure features like "Snap Map" are disabled to protect their physical safety.

TEACH THEM HOW TO BLOCK AND REPORT

Empower your child to take control of their online experience. Show them exactly where the block and report buttons are located on each platform. Encourage them to immediately block users who are being unkind, and assure them they will not get in trouble for coming to you about inappropriate content.

KEEP THE CONVERSATION OPEN AND ONGOING

Build a trusting relationship so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they are being bullied or see something upsetting online. Make it a habit to casually talk about their favorite apps, who they are interacting with, and how their online experiences make them feel.

The internet mirrors, magnifies and makes more visible, the good, bad and ugly of every day life...

ONLINE

Water Safety Week 2026

Water Safety Week—often known as Drowning Prevention Week in the UK—took place in June led by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK). We talked in assembly to children about how to stay safe around water, especially as the weather warmed up and the summer approached. Please see the RNLI poster below to share with your child.

LEARN TO FLOAT

If you get in trouble in the water, don't panic – follow these steps:

1. Keep calm. Don't swim hard. Hold onto anything that floats.
2. Lean back to keep your mouth and nose out of the water.
3. Push your belly up and stretch out your arms and legs into a star shape.
4. Gently move your hands and feet to help you float.
5. Do this until you feel more relaxed.
6. When you're calm, raise your arm and shout for help. Swim to safety if you can.

Lifeboats

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Name: Mr Dawson
Title: SENco / SLT

Designated Safeguarding Deputy

Name: Mrs Hurst
Title: SEMH lead

Designated Safeguarding Deputy

Name: Miss Taylor
Title: SLT / English lead

Designated Safeguarding Deputy

Name: Miss Low
Title: Support staff Y6

School trips!



We have enjoyed lots of school trips this half-term!

Pupils in Reception have visited the George Stephenson Railway museum, Year 3 have enjoyed workshops from ThatHistoryBloke all about the Ancient Egyptians and Year 4 have visited the beach as part of their coasts trip. Year 2 and Year 5 represented us fantastically at the Lakeside multisports events and Longbenton High School sports day respectively and Year 6 visited Seaton Delaval Hall!

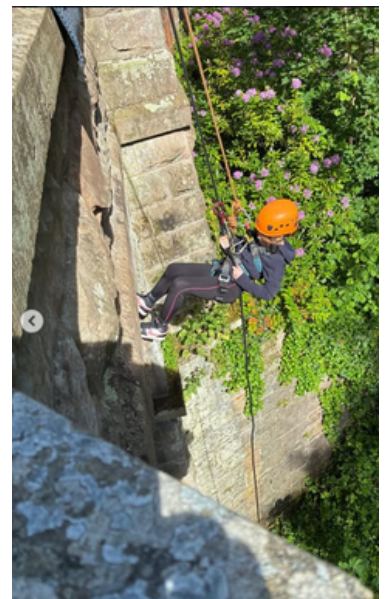
These trips really do enrich the curriculum for our pupils and bring it alive so many thanks for your voluntary contributions and to those who have been able to support the trips as parent helpers.



Y6 residential to Ford Castle!



Y6 had the best time at Ford Castle in June. We abseiled, fenced, climbed, rafted and zip-wired our way through our 4 day adventure! The children were a credit to school and had a superb time.



Year 5 cycling residential!

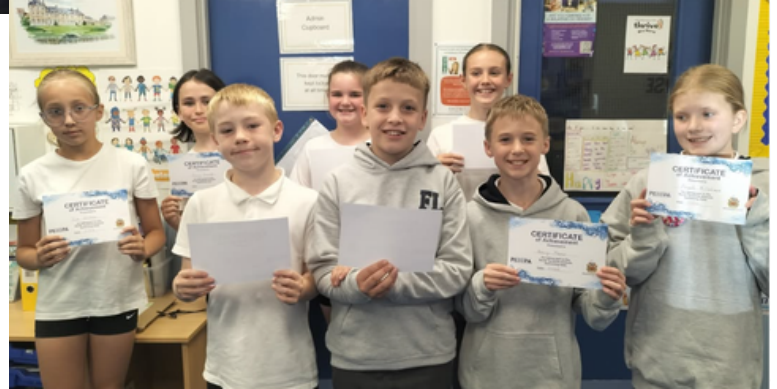
Our amazing Y5 enjoyed their overnight cycling trip to Amble in June. In total, they cycled 65 miles in just 2 days - absolutely amazing!!



Amberley Choir perform at Whitley Bay

Our amazing choir performing at Whitley Bay Playhouse. You were all amazing and did us proud 🙌 Well done, everyone - beautiful singing!





Applying for school places

Nursery:

Nursery applications forms for places in September 2027 are available from the school office and on the school website. We offer 15 hours per week as either a morning (08:45 to 11:45) or afternoon (12:30 to 15:30) session.

We take nursery applications from birth and whilst there is no application deadline, children will be offered a place from the term after they turn 3. We have three intakes per year; September January and April. Offers are made in June, November and February. Please speak to the school office for more information on nursery places.

Reception:

Reception applications for September 2027:

Applications open: September 2026

Applications close: 15th January 2027

National offer day: 16th April 2027

Please look out for the upcoming dates for prospective parents to visit the school across the Autumn term

Middle and Secondary

Middle and Secondary school applications for September 2027:

Applications open: September 2026

Applications closed: 31st October 2026

National offer day: 1st March 2027

Thank you CMH!

Many thanks to the Connect Mental Health team this term for coming in to work with Year 3 and Year 4 on Friends Resilience and Decider Skills interventions. The focus has been on building resilience and social-emotional skills and to develop strategies to regulate emotions.

Goodbye and Good luck



This week saw us say goodbye to Miss Newton in Year 5 and Mrs McDonald in Y2 who has been covering Mrs Hogg's maternity leave. They both leave with our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for their future careers.

We will be welcoming a number of new faces to Amberley in September:

Mrs Barnfather will join us as Year 4 teacher working alongside Miss Lewis.

Miss Baker will join us as Higher-Level Teaching Assistant in Early Years.

Miss Callender will join us as Teaching Assistant and will be working across several different year groups.

Mrs Adamson, who has been working in school for most of the year, will join us for a term in Y2, taking over from Mrs McDonald, until Mrs Hogg returns from maternity leave early in the Spring term.

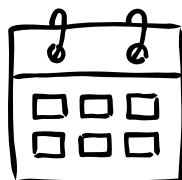
Miss Wright has recently joined us in the school office while Miss Thompson is on maternity leave.



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2026-2027 Term dates

Amberley Primary School Term and Holiday Dates



2026 to 2027

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Autumn Term 1	Wed 2 Sep 2026 – Thurs 22 Oct 2026
Autumn Term 2	Mon 2 Nov 2026 – Thu 17 Dec 2026
Spring Term 1	Tue 5 Jan 2027 – Fri 12 Feb 2027
Spring Term 2	Mon 22 Feb 2027 – Thu 25 Mar 2027
Summer Term 1	Mon 12 Apr 2027 – Fri 28 May 2027
Summer Term 2	Tue 8 June 2027 – Wed 21 Jul 2027

Colour Key	
	Bank Holiday
	School Holiday
	Teacher Training Day
	Weekend

Autumn Term 2027 likely to start on Wednesday 1 September 2027

Summer term House point Winners!

Well done to Cedar house!



1st CEDAR - 1532

2ND MAPLE - 1502

3RD WILLOW - 1482

4th ELM - 1389

Our winners
celebrated
yesterday with a
non-school uniform
day



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A huge thank you to our wonderful staff, families and pupils for making this half-term so memorable.

We can't wait to see what next half-term brings! Have a fantastic Summer and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 2nd September when school re-opens. Have a great summer holiday!

Mrs Shackleton



Rock Steady!

Thanks to parents and carers who joined Mrs Hurst this half-term for our Rock Steady concert. Well done to all involved!

We wish Miss Taylor in Y6 a very happy wedding day this summer. She will return in the Autumn as Mrs Blackett.



Key Dates

Please see
attachment for
Autumn 1 key
dates